

DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

A.R.S. § 41-2065

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General Fund and Other Appropriated Funds	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Estimate	FY 2000 Approved	FY 2001 Approved
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Program Summary

General Services	1,324,800	1,373,700	1,389,100	1,415,600
Vapor Recovery	317,600	340,400	342,400	348,700
Oxygenated Fuel	516,600	745,100	742,500	748,300
Relocation and Rent	0	0	368,200	85,100
Total Appropriations	2,159,000	2,459,200	2,842,200	2,597,700

Expenditure Detail

FTE Positions	40.0	43.5	40.5	40.5
Personal Services	1,080,100	1,274,000	1,297,400	1,323,400
Employee Related Expenditures	255,800	300,400	294,900	307,500
Professional and Outside Services	121,800	381,700	381,700	381,700
Travel - In State	146,800	166,800	166,800	166,800
Travel - Out of State	13,000	19,700	19,700	19,700
Other Operating Expenditures	364,500	316,600	313,500	313,500
Equipment	177,000	0	0	0
Operating Subtotal	2,159,000	2,459,200	2,474,000	2,512,600
Relocation and Rent	0	0	368,200 ^{1/}	85,100 ^{1/}
Total Appropriations	2,159,000	2,459,200	2,842,200 ^{2/}	2,597,700 ^{2/}

Fund Summary

General Fund	1,761,100	1,714,100	1,731,500	1,764,300
Air Quality Fee Fund	397,900	745,100	767,900	761,900
Certificates of Participation Fund	0	0	342,800	71,500
Total Appropriations	2,159,000	2,459,200	2,842,200	2,597,700

Agency Description — *The department regulates the determination and representation of quantity in the marketplace and also maintains 2 environmentally-related gasoline inspection programs. The General Services program maintains state standards for weights and measures, inspects commercial establishments to ensure that packaged products are bought and sold at their correct weight or measure, and inspects weighing and measuring devices to ensure their accuracy. The Vapor Recovery program inspects gasoline dispensing devices to ensure that vapor recovery systems are installed and meet state and federal requirements. The Oxygenated Fuel program tests the fuel quality of gasoline to ensure that it meets established standards. All programs investigate consumer complaints.*

Eliminate Unnecessary FTE Positions — The approved amount includes the elimination of (3) FTE Positions and decreases in Employee Related Expenditures of \$(6,500) from the General Fund and \$(3,200) from the Air Quality Fee Fund beginning in FY 2000. These positions have been abolished by the department.

Relocation and Rent — The approved amount includes \$342,800 from the Certificates of Participation (COP)

and \$25,400 from the Air Quality Fee Fund in FY 2000 for the agency to relocate. In FY 2001, this amount is reduced to \$71,500 from the COP Fund and \$13,600 from the Air Quality Fee Fund for ongoing rent costs. Agency relocation is necessary to maintain national certification of the department's Metrology Lab. Measuring errors caused by vibrations coming from the Pima Freeway have impaired the lab's ability to make precise determinations of weight and measure. The section

^{1/} Before the expenditure of monies for agency relocation, the Department of Administration and Department of Weights and Measures shall present a relocation plan to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for review. The plan shall include documentation as to the effect of Loop 101 freeway traffic on the Department of Weights and Measures' testing reliability. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{2/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

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of the freeway near the department's Doubletree Building has recently opened to traffic. Prior to the freeway's opening, vibrations caused by heavy construction equipment threatened the lab's testing reliability.

Before the agency can relocate, it must document to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee that traffic vibrations are impairing the ability of the Metrology Lab to make precise measurements (*see footnote 1*). Upon JLBC review, the department shall leave its Doubletree Building location in FY 2000 and move to private space. This move will cause a series of agency moves, including the relocation of the Board of Medical Examiners from the Centre Pointe Building to the Doubletree Building, and the relocation of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the Board of Dental Examiners, and the Board of Pharmacy to the Centre Pointe Building.

Other Issues: Technical and Management Improvements — The department was appropriated \$25,000 for Technical and Management Improvements in a Special Line Item in FY 1998, but the money was not spent and reverted to the General Fund.